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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1764
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 11) in the above-identified action. This response is being timely filed on or before September 23, 2002 (September 22, being a Sunday), in view of the simultaneous filing of a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination including payment of fees in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please approve the proposed drawing amendments as shown in red ink on the mark-up of Fig. 3 attached to the enclosed letter to the Official Draftsperson, such that additional arrows more clearly illustrate the direction of reformed gas flow through the hydrogen purifying apparatus as disclosed in the specification of the invention.